THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prima-facie cause is rail fracture.

(c) There was no loss of life. The cost of damage to railway property has been estimated at about Rs. 43 lakhs.

(d) Enquiry by a Committee of Senior Officers is in progress and action will be taken on receipt of their report.

Inquiry into Affairs of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

*109. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SURAJ PARSAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news items that appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 18th September, 1986 under the caption "An Open letter to Shri Rajiv Gandhi", wherein excerpts of a letter written by Shri H.L. Sonar, former General Secretary of the All India Kendriya Vidalaya Teachers' Association have been given; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the alleged financial and administrative irregularities in Kendriya Vidalaya Sangathan; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. In this open letter apart from criticism of various officials, complaint has been voiced about quality of management in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, promotional avenues for teachers and conditions of pay for them, among other things.

(b) and (c) The Government have looked into the allegations made in the open letter. The Government does not feel that any other enquiry is called for.

Modernisation of Ports

*110. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to undertake modernisation programme of the ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the programme would result in the retrenchment of a large number of port workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

(a) and (b) In the outlay of Rs. 955 crores for the 7th Plan for Major Ports Rs. 778 crores are intended for modernisation of Ports including additions to capacity. The schemes costing Rs. 5 crores or more for modernisation, replacement of old equipments and additions to capacity are given port-wise in the enclosed Annexure.